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Mr Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr Weisberg,

Thank you for writing to Mr Collier and authorizing me to see the manuscript. I went by yesterday at noon and had a very pleasant conversation with Mr Collier, after which I spent the remainder of the day and part of the night reading your book from cover to cover.

I believe that you have written an [illegible] attack on the Warren Report, and I marvel that you assembled the [illegible] as you did. The scholarship is extremely [illegible] farther into the [illegible] aspect of the case. It is appalling that your manuscript has been languishing for so long without the deserved results. Your book should have been published as a major and definitive work. To compare it with Salvus Fox's book is almost indecent, and that had a respectable commercial success. Consequently, I am at a loss to understand why no publisher has grabbed the opportunity, if not from a sense of history and obligation, then at least out of intelligent self-interest.

My manuscript coincides with yours to a large extent. As I mentioned on the telephone, parallel "discoveries" and interpretations are inevitable when people of fairly similar perceptiveness attack the same body of information. Certainly I would have no difficulty whatever in adopting your conclusions and your evaluation, speaking very generally. As to the particulars, in a number of instances you have [illegible] I have; in other instances, I have been fuller (though not necessarily stronger) presentation of the same material, having had the advantage of an additional year of time. My manuscript includes some aspects of the case that you have not treated—for example, a long chapter on "Hidell"—but that material supplements the charges against the Warren Report which are amply sustained in your manuscript and are not essential in that they introduce new elements of negligence, deception, etc.

I have no hesitation in saying that in many ways your book is tighter, better written, and more cohesive than mine, and that I would be happy to see yours in print, if it was "[illegible]". Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from Mr Walsh. I believe that you should write to him, indicating that I have sent you a copy of his letter to me, and offer him your manuscript. Provided, of course, that you are willing to consider [illegible] or serialized publication. If you prefer, I would be glad to write to Mr Walsh and urge him to contact you and request [illegible]. Let me know.

I am also enclosing (1) a copy of my chapter "The Proof of the Plot" in which you will see that our reasoning was quite similar in evaluating the Odio testimony and its implications; (2) a copy of the "Unanswered Letters" which constitute an [illegible]

Again, I can only repeat my congratulations on your achievement, and my genuine admiration of a beautiful job done with unbelievable [illegible]. I shall certainly rejoice to see your book published and if I can be of any help I will gladly do so.

I very much appreciate your willingness to let me see the manuscript. Please let me hear from you again, and eventually let me know if you are coming to New York. I shall return this to Mr Collier without delay.

Yours sincerely,

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